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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

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TAGS: MASS, ET, US

SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF REMAINING FMS AND OTHER MATERIAL

REF: ADDIS ABABA 4667

1. DESIGNATED ETHIOPIAN FREIGHT FORWARDERS, RHONER AND GEHRIG, FULLY AWARE USG DECISION FREEING FOR SHIPMENT FMS MATERIEL FOR WHICH TITLE HAD PASSED TO ETHIOPIA. FREIGHT FORWARDERS RE-SUBMITTED EXPORT LICENSES FOR ALL FMS MATERIEL THOUGHT TO BE IN THEIR POSSESSION AND DEPARTMENT APPROVED THOSE LICENSES MID-JULY. SUBSEQUENTLY FREIGHT FORWARDER DISCOVERED THAT IT HAD NOT APPLIED FOR EXPORT LICENSES FOR 328 JEEPS, 5 AMBULANCES AND 23 5-TON TRACTORS FOR TRACTOR TRAILERS. ONLY THESE FMS ITEMS HAVE NOT, AS YET, RECEIVED EXPORT LICENSES.

2. WITH REGARD STATUS OF SWIFT SHIPS: EXPORT LICENSES FOR  
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THREE REMAINING SHIPS (LESS ARMAMENT) HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED.

SHIPS FIVE AND SIX ARE READY NOW TO BE SHIPPED  
AND SEVENTH COULD BE READY IN A WEEK. ETHIOPIANS THUS FAR  
HAVE PAID FOR HALF OF COST OF SEVENTH SHIP. SWIFT SHIPS  
DOES NOT YET KNOW WHAT ETHIOPIAN PLANS ARE WITH REGARD TO  
SHIPMENT OF SHIPS 5, 6, AND 7, BUT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT

WITH FREIGHT FORWARDER IN PAST WEEK ABOUT VESSEL WITH DECK SPACE FOR THE BOATS.

3. SWIFT SHIPS AUGUST 3 RECEIVED TELEX FROM ETHIOPIAN DIRECTOR OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (CAPT. TESSAYE): "AS NEITHER MINISTRY OF DEFENSE NOR ETHIOPIAN NAVY ARE AWARE OF OFFICIAL LIFTING OF EMBARGO BY USG, REQUEST CLARIFY SITUATION TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE." ON AUGUST 4 DEPTOFF INFORMED SWIFT SHIPS REP, FOR ITS REPLY TO MINDEF, THAT ON JULY 6 CHARGE ADVISED MOFA PERMSEC MAJ. DAWIT WOLDE-GHIORGIS OF USG DECISIONS AND THAT DAWIT SAID HE WOULD ADVISE MINDEF. CHRISTOPHER

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